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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : THOMAS KRAHN ET AL.  
SERIAL NO. : 09/966,522  
FILED : September 28, 2001  
FOR : MASKING BACKGROUND FLUORESCENCE AND  
LUMINESCENCE IN THE OPTICAL ANALYSIS OF  
BIOMEDICAL ASSAYS  
ART UNIT : 1641  
EXAMINER : DO, PENSEE T.

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April 1, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

SIR:

This is a petition to extend the period of time three months for responding to the Office  
Action dated October 1, 2004.

Applicant is other than a small entity.

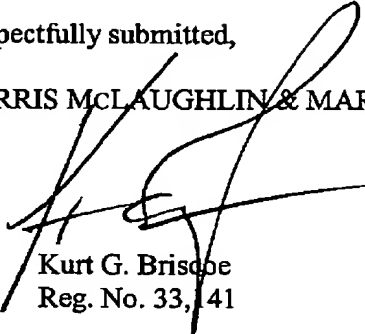
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